

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Saturday marks the start of the 10th annual Allegheny River and Watershed Cleanup, which is a weeklong effort in Warren County to keep the Allegheny River healthy and clean.

The Allegheny River is one of the Nation's most beautiful and clean waters. For more than 10 years, the waterway has been designated one of the Nation's wild and scenic rivers. It is also home to seven islands protected under America's National Wilderness Preservation System.

Every year, hundreds of people visit the river to enjoy its beauty and bounty. In 2017, 317 volunteers donated roughly 2,536 hours of their time while removing 5,350 pounds of metal, 94 tires, and 35 cubic feet of trash from the Allegheny and the Conewango Creek.

Adults and children participate in the cleanup. They walk along the riverbanks or use their canoes and kayaks to remove garbage found in or along the Allegheny River and its tributaries.

Mr. Speaker, the Allegheny River watershed is and continues to be an important recreational, ecological, and economic asset to Warren County. I commend all those who participate in this outstanding event.

#### HONORING WESTON CALL

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Weston Call. Weston was a beloved member of our close-knit Big Sur community in my district on the central coast of California who, unexpectedly and unfortunately, passed away in August at the young age of 32.

Weston was a fourth-generation Carmel native and a 2004 graduate of the same high school I went to, Carmel High.

Although he grew up in Carmel, Wes would give everything and do anything for the people of Big Sur.

During the 2016 Soberanes fire, he helped Big Sur neighbors fight the flames from their properties.

During the 2017 storms, when the Pfeiffer Bridge got knocked out, Wes took it upon himself to transport people from the makeshift trail around the bridge to their jobs.

And as tourist traffic has become a major problem in Big Sur, rather than complaining about it, Wes did something about it. He created a shuttle service to alleviate the congestion along Highway 1. During those rides, he would always provide a local point of view about where to go and what to do. He wouldn't share too much about our secrets, but he always stressed how sensitive we should be about the environment.

I hope that Wes' life serves as an example for all of us of how to be better

neighbors, better citizens, and better stewards of our beloved home.

#### RECOGNIZING CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. KNIGHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, during which we pay a special tribute to the children who are now fighting or who have fought the number one disease killer and second leading cause of death of children in the United States.

We also affirm our support for the families, their doctors and their nurses and the foundations that provide financial and emotional relief to those struggling with the tremendous stress of cancer treatment and rehabilitation.

One group that is particularly close to me and my family is Jack's Angels. Jack's Angels fights for dedicated research for a particularly deadly kind of pediatric cancer, DIPG, the deadliest pediatric brain cancer.

DIPG tumors are inoperable and incurable, and its victims have a 5-year survival rate of less than 1 percent. The median survival time for children diagnosed with DIPG is only 9 months.

In 2011, just after his third birthday, Jack Demeter was diagnosed with DIPG. He was given steroid medication, then radiation therapy, and was put on supplements and several tailored diets.

He was brought into clinical trials. He tried infusions. His parents took him to dozens of doctors, each of whom provided their best advice and counsel. But the science for an effective treatment for DIPG has not yet been developed. Jack passed away only 9 months after diagnosis.

For me and for Jack's Angels, finding a cure for DIPG and all other pediatric cancers will continue to be a priority.

#### HONORING KATHLEEN DALEY

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Kathleen Daley—a friend, a trusted colleague, and a respected member of the Riverside community.

I met Kathleen Daley when I was elected to the RCC board of trustees. As I got to know her, I realized that she and I could not be more different. She was a conservative Republican, and I am a progressive Democrat. She was a tax accountant, and, back then, I was still a public schoolteacher. But in spite of these differences, when we served on the board of trustees, we were always able to work together and put the needs of students first.

I respected her for her expertise in finance. The board trusted her to chair

the finance committee during her tenure. I admired her for her knowledge and experience, and so did my colleagues. We often unanimously supported her to be the presiding officer of the board. And I befriended her because of the dedicated person she was, because she always worked in the best interest of students.

Riverside has lost a great public servant, and I join our community in remembering Kathleen Daley's passion for student success and recognizing her contributions.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND WORK OF MAYOR GEORGE PRADEL

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart at the passing of former Naperville, Illinois, Mayor George Pradel.

Mayor Pradel was an extraordinary public servant who was universally loved. He was also a great mentor to me. Throughout my career in public service, George was always an insightful counselor and beacon of much-needed encouragement to me and to so many others, and I am very grateful for his faithful prayers for me and my family over the years.

George had a tremendous impact on every individual he met, and he himself lived an extraordinary life.

A Naperville native, George served his family, community, and country as a dedicated community catalyst, soldier, police officer, father, and mentor.

As mayor, George served Naperville for two decades, from 1995 until 2015. His tenure ushered in a period of tremendous growth. Mayor Pradel was Naperville's number one cheerleader. His unbelievable energy and exuberance were infectious.

I will miss George as a man I admired and a public servant I sought to emulate. He truly had a servant's heart.

Today, we honor a life well lived. George Pradel embraced each day by celebrating the loves of his life: his God, his family, and his community; and I know his savior welcomed him, saying: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

#### CONGRATULATING HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my great school districts. I have many in my congressional district, but I particularly want to cite the Houston Independent School District suffering from Hurricane Harvey and under the threat of the Texas Education Agency to be closed.

What a state of mind for parents and children, many of whom have been displaced.